

**EQIP Evaluation Worksheet for Grazing Lands**  
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Resource / Concern / Evaluation	Basic Treatment Level	Points Awarded	Enhanced Treatment Level (must first qualify for basic level)	Points Awarded
<b>SOIL / Sheet &amp; Rill Erosion</b>				
Total annual erosion in excess of T (If converting, use cropland fields to be converted to permanent pastureland.) (tons/ac/yr)	Erosion will be reduced to T level and gullies stabilized. Points based on soil saved/yr.			
>10	20 points			
9	16 points			
8	12 points			
7	8 points			
6	4 points			
5	2 points			
<4	0 points			
total				

<b>WATER: Nutrient Management</b>				
Inadequate manure/nutrients handling on pasture fields	A nutrient mgt. plan will be developed & followed.			
	>100 AU - 10 points			
	61-100 - 8 pts.			
	20-60 - 5 pts.			
	<20 - 2 pts.			
Overgrazing, no water in pastures or new grazier choosing a system.	Will implement rotational grazing system with water in each paddock. = 5 pts.		Will implement a Managed Intensive Grazing system with water in each paddock = 10 pts.	
Out wintering and roughage always fed on same untreated area.Or new grazier planning basic or enhanced treatment level.	Heavy used area (HUA) will be treated = 5 pts.		Roughage will be fed on pasture fields with a rotational system. = 10 points	
More N & P than required is being fed to animals. Or new grazier that will implement a feed mgt. plan. (documented by feeding expert, provided to NRCS)	Will implement a feed management plan to significantly reduce excretion of N&P. (Plan certified by feeding expert) = 10 pts.			
total				

<b>WATER: Streambanks, Riparian Areas</b>				
Livestock in surface water sources, streambanks are bare or unstable or new grazier planning basic or enhanced treatment.	Livestock will be managed to prevent or eliminate degradation and protective measures will be established to maintain integrity of stream		Livestock will be excluded except for stable crossings.	
>200 AU	6 points		12 points	
100-199 AU	3 points		8 points	
50-99 AU	2 points		6 points	
<50 AU	1 points		4 points	
total				

WATER / Pesticides or other Substances				
inadequate mixing/loading/cleaning/ storing or new grazer planning basic treatment.	Corrective measures will be implemented.			
< 100 ft. to stream	6			
> 100 ft. to stream	3			
total				

WILDLIFE / Habitat Improvement (Maximum of 21 points)				
Little or no habitat for at-risk species <sup>1</sup> .	Will establish one or more of the following practices:			
Less than 1 Ac (total) managed as grass nesting area.	Pasture and/or Hay Planting with warm season grasses. Minimum 2 Ac = 5 pts.		After first 2 Ac 1 point per additional .5 Ac.	
Stream segment present without three zone Riparian Forest Buffer	Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer <sup>2</sup> (55 ft.wide minimum)		Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer. Points for each additional 10 ft.of width:	
	≥1000 ft. = 12 pts.		≥1000 ft. = 5	
	500-999 ft. = 8		500-999 ft. = 4	
	200-499 ft. = 4		200-499 ft. = 2	
	<200 ft. = 0		<200 ft. = 0	
Stream segment present without Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer	Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer, managed for wildlife habitat (30 ft. wide minimum)		Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer, managed for wildlife habitat. Points for each additional 10 ft.of width:	
	≥1000 ft. = 8 pts.		≥1000 ft. = 5	
	500-999 ft. = 6		500-999 ft. = 4	
	200-499 ft. = 3		200-499 ft. = 2	
	<200 = 0		<200 = 0	
total				

Human/Social				
New Grazer	10 points			
With the contract a RMS <sup>3</sup> plan (that includes wildlife concerns) will be implemented.	5 points			
Land under perpetual farmland preservation easement <sup>4</sup> .	5 points			
Producer developed a Prescribed Grazing Plan <sup>5</sup> at least 3 months prior to EQIP application	5 points			
total				
Subtotal				
TOTAL				

1 Does not need to be threaten or endangered species. In PA the emphasis is on grassland habitat.

2 Three zone Riparian Buffer= buffer comprising the two forest zones and the herbaceous cover zone described on PATG.

3 RMS = Resource Management System; highest level of conservation treatment

4 Farmland Preservation Easement: Deed restriction on record at court house.

5 Prescribed Grazing Plan = Grazing plan according to conservation practice 528A